



WAKEFIELD

CLARE VALLEY, AUSTRALIA



Wakefield understands the importance of protecting, preserving, and enhancing the quality of the fruit from their vineyards. Aiming to achieve balance, elegance, and finesse in every wine and somewhat uniquely when it comes to the style of the wines, often seeking to make wines that are at once both powerful and elegant. The Wakefield philosophy rests on the principle that the finest wines are those made with the greatest dedication and care. Above all is to 'respect the fruit'.

When Bill Taylor Sr. and his sons acquired a promising block of land in the Clare Valley in 1969, they did so with the singular hope of creating a wine of the finest quality. Not only did they achieve this dream, they founded a winemaking philosophy that continues to resonate through our wines today.

Wakefield's goal is to be Australia's top wine company, applying best practices in environmental management to enhance sustainable business activities and products. Favoring use of the most innovative techniques available, the winery strives to improve energy efficiency, water conservation and packaging. All measures are taken to reduce or eliminate waste and pollution output as much as possible. Through this holistic approach to environmental management, Wakefield aims to maintain a healthy, diverse land for their present and future community.

- **First Families of Australia:** The Taylors are one of 11 family-owned wineries that make up *Australia's First Families of Wine* (AFFW), a prestigious group representing 1200 years of quality, terroir-driven winemaking. AFFW's ongoing mission is to promote the legacy, know-how, and distinctiveness of Australian wine.
- **Clare Valley, Southern Australia:** One of the cooler wine growing regions, the Clare Valley benefits from maritime breezes and high diurnal temperature shifts that maintain freshness and acidity. Clare has some of the world's oldest and varied soils, but the predominate is Terra Rossa (red loam over limestone).
- **Symbol of Sustainability:** Wakefield's *SeaBnb initiative aims to support Australia's endangered seahorses* and restore their natural habitat, a cause was adopted by the Taylor family after finding fossilized seahorses in their vineyards. In homage of the land's history, the family adopted the seahorse for their logo and packaging.
- **Paris Agreement:** Wakefield became the first independent Australian winery to commit to Science Based Targets in 2021, sustainable initiatives outlined by the **Paris Agreement**. They join the ranks of global companies committed to pursuing these rigorous standards.
- **Innovation:** Wakefield was the first major Australian winemaking company to **commit 100% to bottling all wines under screw cap**, an initiative commenced in the early 2000s. In the back of every "Estate" and "Promised Land" bottle is an *Optimum Drinking Temperature sensor*, an elegant, innovative packaging design promoting wine education and enjoyment.



CLINTON, BILL, JUSTIN
AND MITCHELL TAYLOR,
PROPRIETORS

The Pioneer Shiraz
The Visionary Cabernet Sauvignon
St. Andrews Shiraz
St. Andrews Cabernet Sauvignon
Estate Shiraz
Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
Estate Riesling
Promised Land Shiraz
Promised Land Cabernet Sauvignon



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WAKEFIELD THE PIONEER SHIRAZ *Clare Valley, Australia*

92
POINTS

2014
WINE SPECTATOR
12/18

91
POINTS

2015
WINE ENTHUSIAST
8/21

- 100% Shiraz
- The top Shiraz of the estate, The Pioneer celebrates the innovative spirit of founder, Bill Taylor, who had conviction to do things differently, including planting Shiraz at a time when the varietal was only just emerging in popularity
- Made only in exceptional vintages and harvested from top estate parcels
- Matured in American oak barrels; 40% new, the remainder in 1, 2, and 3-year-old barrels; After 12 months aging, a careful barrel selection is made to identify the best ones, destined for this bottling
- The selected few are aged for an additional 10 months prior to bottling
- Generous and round, with juicy, deep berry compote yielding to a tightly woven frame of firm, generous tannins
- There are alluring, coconutty oak and fine dark chocolate notes with a deep, soft center of ripe berry fruits; Elegant acidity and light, long tannins lead to a lingering finish



WAKEFIELD THE VISIONARY CABERNET SAUVIGNON *Clare Valley, Australia*

94
POINTS

2014
WINE ADVOCATE
2/20

94
POINTS

2015
WINE ENTHUSIAST
8/21
CELLAR SELECTION

- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- At the onset, Bill Taylor planted Cabernet Sauvignon as the main red varietal of the estate, an unusual move at the time; His favorite varietal, he believed Cabernet grown here could rival the best in the world
- Bill's vision was carried out a generation later by his son, Mitchell, who produces this top Cabernet of the estate
- Made only in exceptional vintages and harvested from top estate parcels
- Following malolactic fermentation, the wine is matured in American oak barrels; 40% new, remainder in 2- and 3-year-old barrels; After 12 months aging, a careful barrel selection is made to identify the best ones, destined for this bottling
- The selected few are aged an additional 8 mo. prior to bottling
- A concentrated wine with great focus and balance between fresh fruit and fine-grained oak; Classic savory tannins and an explosive core of cassis and dark fruits



WAKEFIELD ST. ANDREWS SHIRAZ *Clare Valley, Australia*

91
POINTS

2017
WINE ADVOCATE
2/20

- 100% Shiraz
- The St. Andrews range of wines is named after a historic property in the Clare Valley, first established in 1892 by Scottish immigrants
- Wakefield founder Bill Taylor purchased the property in 1995 and replanted vines, reviving the vineyards which laid derelict for decades; These critically acclaimed wines are only made in exceptional vintages and from top estate parcels
- A percentage of the destemmed grapes were fermented in headless American oak barrels and left to soak on the skins for 2 weeks
- Post-fermentation, the wine matured for 20 months in high-quality water-bent American oak barrels, prior to bottling
- Complex bouquet of dark berry fruit along with juicy black plum, spice, cedar, hints of chocolate, and roasted coffee
- Rich layers of dark berry fruits, coffee, chocolate, and spice from oak



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91
POINTS

2016
WINE ENTHUSIAST
4/19

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- Fermentation in stainless steel, followed by the secondary malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels
- Post-fermentation, the wine was matured for 18 months in French oak (40% new, the rest in 2-3-year-old barrels), before bottling
- Lifted bouquet of violets, blackcurrants, blackberry, and a hint of chocolate; It is a well-balanced wine with ripe black fruit, coffee, and chocolate on the palate



WAKEFIELD PROMISED LAND SHIRAZ *South Australia*

91
POINTS

2019
WINE ENTHUSIAST
10/21
BEST BUY

- 100% Shiraz
- The Promised Land range of wines are sourced from the premium wine growing regions of South Australia; Their value, easy drinking profile, and critical acclaim is a credit to the Taylor Family's winemaking acumen
- The fun, colorful labels are inspired by the discovery of fossilized seahorses on the estate
- Fermented in stainless steel and gently mixed twice daily using inert gas; Following malolactic, the wine was transferred to used oak barrels for a short maturation period; The wine is gently fined and filtered before bottling
- Vibrant aromas of red currant, plum and a touch of spice; This is a well-balanced, medium bodied wine with a lively palate of juicy red berry fruits, fine gentle tannins and a soft silky finish



WAKEFIELD PROMISED LAND CABERNET SAUVIGNON *South Australia*

90
POINTS

2019
WINE ENTHUSIAST
9/21
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WAKEFIELD ESTATE SHIRAZ *South Australia*

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2019
WINE ENTHUSIAST
12/21

- 100% Shiraz
- The Estate line are the first wines released by the Taylor family; When they established their winery in 1969, the wanted to establish an "old world" style winery in the Clare Valley, hence the name "Estate"
- From their earliest vintages, they received enormous critical success and today, the Estate line represents the true "heart & soul" of Wakefield
- Fermentation in stainless steel, followed by the secondary malolactic fermentation in American oak barrels; Post-fermentation, the wine was matured for 12 months in American oak before bottling
- Enticing, lifted aromas of plum, blackcurrant and dark cherry fruits, along with a bouquet of subtle mocha and a touch of oak-derived spice; The palate is plump and generous with ripe fruit characters of plum and blackberry
- Mocha coffee and subtle spice from oak maturation balance the fruit flavors.



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POINTS

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8/21

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- Fermentation was carried out in the winery's proprietary 'Potter' fermenters, allowing for gentle color and tannin extraction; Some parcels were left on their skins for a further two weeks, to increase tannin structure in the overall wine
- MLF in French oak, followed by 12 months aging in French oak (10% new, rest in 1-4-year-old barrels)
- Aromas of rich blackcurrant, subtle spice, tomato leaf and a touch of eucalyptus, along with oak influence of cedar and dark chocolate
- The tannins are fine and elegant. This is a well-balanced, complex wine with a long finish



WAKEFIELD ESTATE RIESLING *South Australia*

- 100% Riesling
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- Destemmed fruit was gently pressed, then gently cooled to 10°C; This process is completed just 15 minutes after the grapes are harvested, to ensure preservation of the delicate fruit aromas and flavors.
- The must is cold settled for 24 hours, then fermented in stainless steel vats; Minimal fining & filtering before bottling
- Lifted lemon and lime citrus notes, followed by layers of subtle blossom, and enticing florals; Acidity soars in the mid-palate, balanced by good fruit presence
- The finish is crisp and resonates with citrus, a hallmark of a great Clare Valley Riesling



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